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Free permission for the penning of cows in Bukkapatnam range.

* 870 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to give free permission for the penning of cows in Bukkapatnam range?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" No, Sir."

Offences relating to animal sacrifices.

* 871 Q.—SRI P. S. NALLA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many offences of animal sacrifice have been committed this year in temples;

(b) how many of them have been punished in courts;

(c) whether such offences are increasing; and

(d) whether active steps are being taken to enforce the law in this regard?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The number of offences committed under the Madras Animals and Birds Sacrifices Prohibition Act, 1950, was 2 in 1952, and 7 during the period January to March 1953.

" (b) One case of 1952 ended in conviction. All the 7 cases of 1953 are pending.

" (c) Not appreciably.

" (d) Yes, Sir."

Compensation to U. V. Narayana Marar injured in Salem Jail.

* 872 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representations on behalf of one U. V. Narayana Marar for grant of some solatium or compensation in view of his being incapaciated at the Salem Jail shooting when he was an inmate of the said jail?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The answer is in the negative."

Lease of some lands belonging to Sri Ekanthalingaswami temple, Thirumalapuram, Tirunelveli.

* 873 Q.—SRI M. G. SHANKER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(a) whether the lease of certain landed properties of Sri Ekanthalingaswami temple at Thirumalapuram, Tirunelveli district, was stayed by the Government;

(b) when the Government's stay order was issued and when the lease was confirmed; and

(c) what action the Government have taken for the failure to give effect to the Government's stay order by the concerned authorities in the district?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (a) Yes. The order of the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, regarding the lease of the lands of the temple was stayed.

" (b) The stay order of the Government was issued on 12th July 1952. The lease was confirmed on 11th August 1952.

" (c) The Commissioner has taken action against the persons concerned for failure to communicate Government's stay orders to the temple authorities in time."

Manufacture of neera in Vijayavada taluk.

* 874 Q.—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned neera for Vijayavada taluk in Krishna district;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative the reasons for selecting this taluk in the district;

(c) the number of neera centres that were working by the end of February 1953 in the State; and

(d) the policy adopted in opening those centres?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :— " (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government have permitted the sale of sweet toddy for consumption as a beverage in the Vijayavada taluk on the representation made to Government by certain tappers' association and certain Members of Legislature.

" (c) The sale of sweet toddy for beverage purposes is allowed in

(1) the whole of Tirunelveli and Ramanathapuram districts.

(2) Kakinada taluk, Narasapur taluk, Visakhapatnam taluk Vijayavada taluk and Nuzvid taluk.

(3) Area covered by the T. Sundupalli Jaggery Society, Cuddapah district.

(4) The Palm Gur Training School, Cuddalore.

(5) Adyar Jaggery Manufacturing Society, Mangalore.

(6) Gandhi Ashram, Angalur, Krishna district.

" (d) In Tirunelveli and Ramanathapuram districts, people are accustomed to consume sweet toddy as a beverage. In other places except in the Palm Gur Training School, Cuddalore, where it is allowed for demonstration purposes, the